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AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 19, 2006,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**A new Abstract** is found on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Specification** are found on page 3 of  
this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.